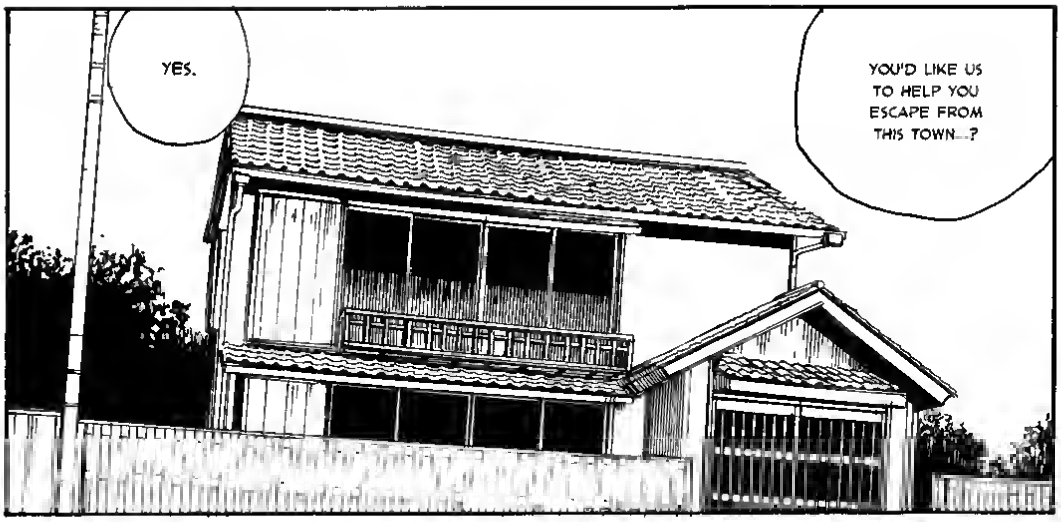
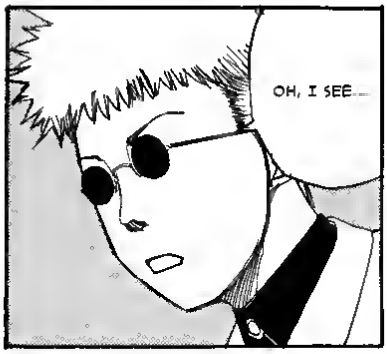
"SHAME"

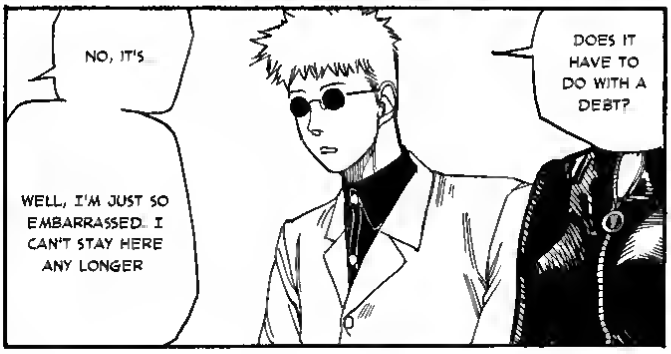
IS IT TIME FOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS ALREADY?
HUH?
WHO KNOWS... I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE, THOUGH.
SHAME
LOOK, BOSS, LOOK! THAT SIGN SAYS "SHAME." HOW CAN SOMEONE SELL *THAT?*
COME ON IN!
I'LL GIVE YOU A DISCOUNT.
WELL? HOW ABOUT ONE?
EWW, WHAT'S THIS? GROSS.
SHAME
FEMALE SHAME 1000
MALE SHAME 1000
2000
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE!
...

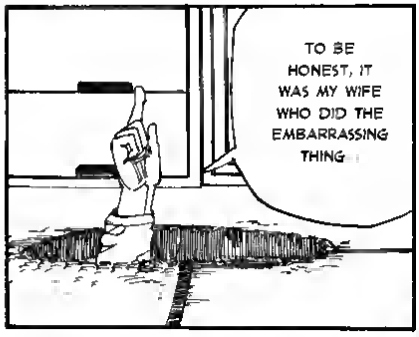
WHAT SHAMEFUL THINGS WE'VE DONE!
DEAR GOD!
WH-WHAT THE?!
AHHH, I FEEL LIKE MY FACE IS ON FIRE!
WHAT HAP-PENED?!
AND LOOK AT MY MAKEUP! I LOOK JUST LIKE A PROSTITUTE!
AHHH, LOOK AT THIS SHORT SKIRT I'M WEARING! I MUST NOT HAVE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF MODESTY THAT ANY POLITE, SELF-RESPECTING YOUNG JAPANESE GIRL WOULD!
UH, NO THANKS
HOW ABOUT IT? I'LL SELL YOU SOME "FEMALE SHAME" FOR A SPECIAL PRICE
HELLO THERE, YOUNG LADY. THAT'S QUITE AN EMBARRASSING OUTFIT YOU'RE WEARING, VERY UNBEFITTING OF A GIRL YOUR AGE
WOW, HOW EMBAR-RASSING...
OH MAN! I HAD NO IDEA!
WHAT?!
NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT YOU HAVE YOUR COAT ON INSIDE OUT.

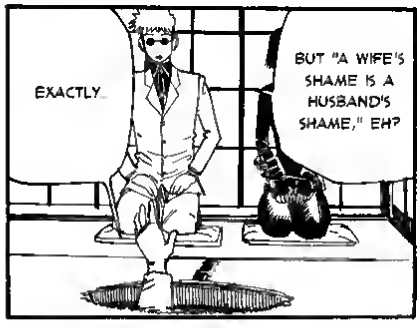
GO ON, DON'T MIND US. CRAWL RIGHT INTO THIS HOLE HERE.
YOU WERE *REALLY* EMBARRASSED, WEREN'T YOU?
HUH? FOR WHAT?
SAFETY + FIRST
THAT'LL BE 1000 YEN, PLEASE.
EVERY-ONE ELSE DID, THOUGH!
DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE!
HE WORE IT THE WHOOOLE TIME!
WOW, HOW EMBAR-RASSING!
HE HAD HIS COAT ON INSIDE OUT?!
WHO THE HELL WOULD PAY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
AREN'T YOU GONNA CRAWL IN?
HUH?
1000 YEN, PLEASE.
UWAAAAH, I'M SO ASHAAAMED!
UGH.
GGGGHH.
WHAT AN !DIOT!
WALKING AROUND LIKE EVERYTHING WAS A-OK!
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW!

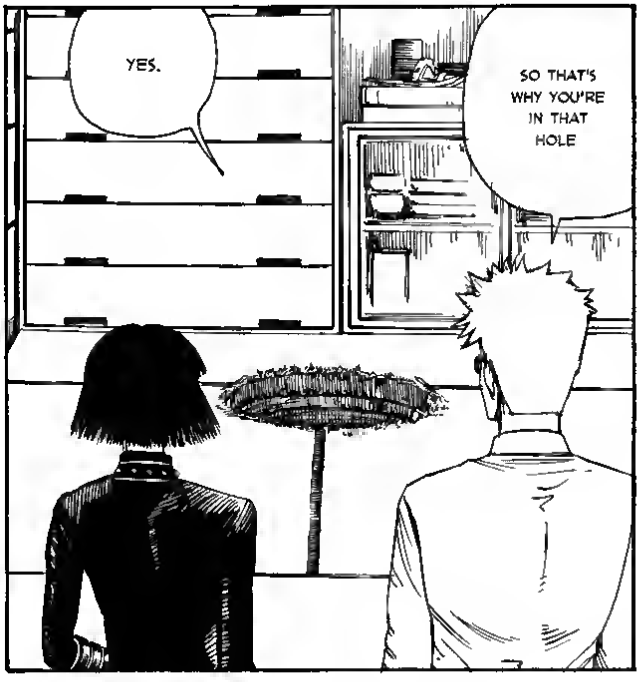

YES.
YOU'D LIKE US TO HELP YOU ESCAPE FROM THIS TOWN...?

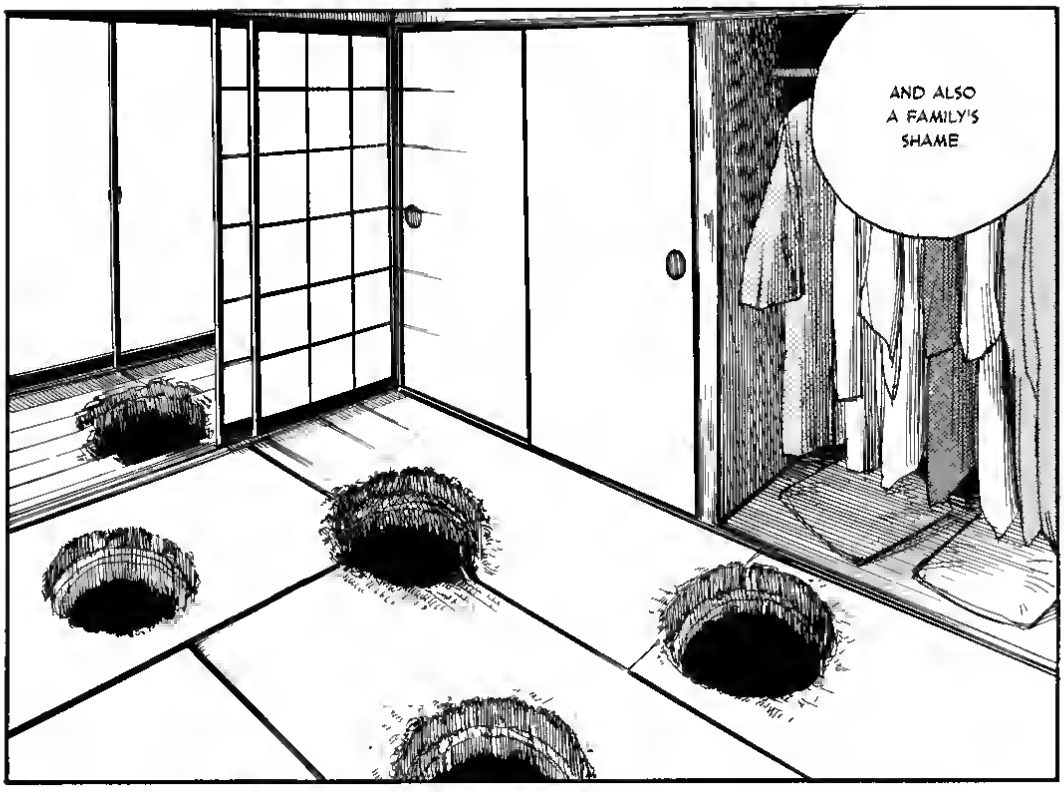

OH, I SEE...


NO, IT'S...
WELL, I'M JUST SO EMBARRASSED. I CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER
DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH A DEBT?

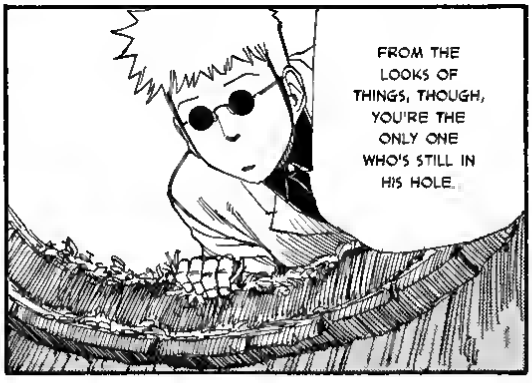

TO BE HONEST, IT WAS MY WIFE WHO DID THE EMBARRASSING THING...

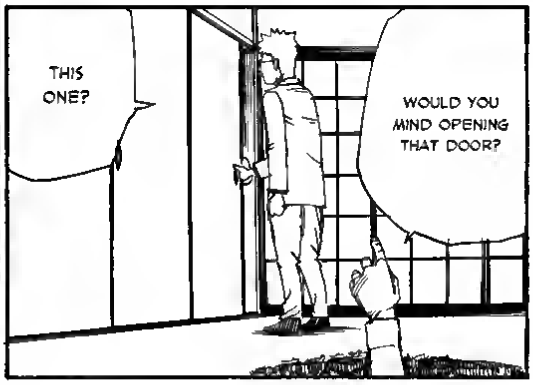

EXACTLY...
BUT "A WIFE'S SHAME IS A HUSBAND'S SHAME," EH?


YES.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE IN THAT HOLE

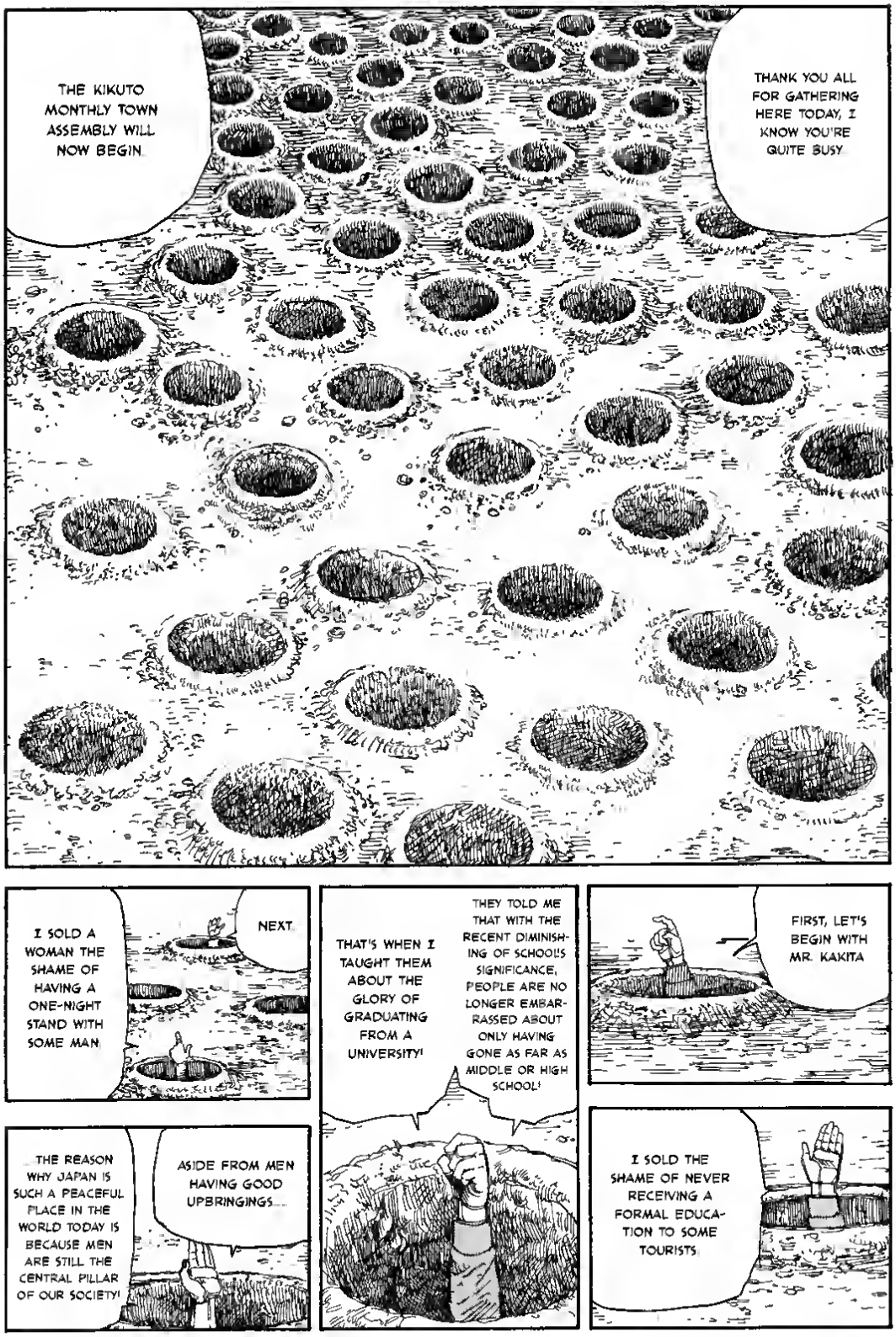

AND ALSO A FAMILY'S SHAME

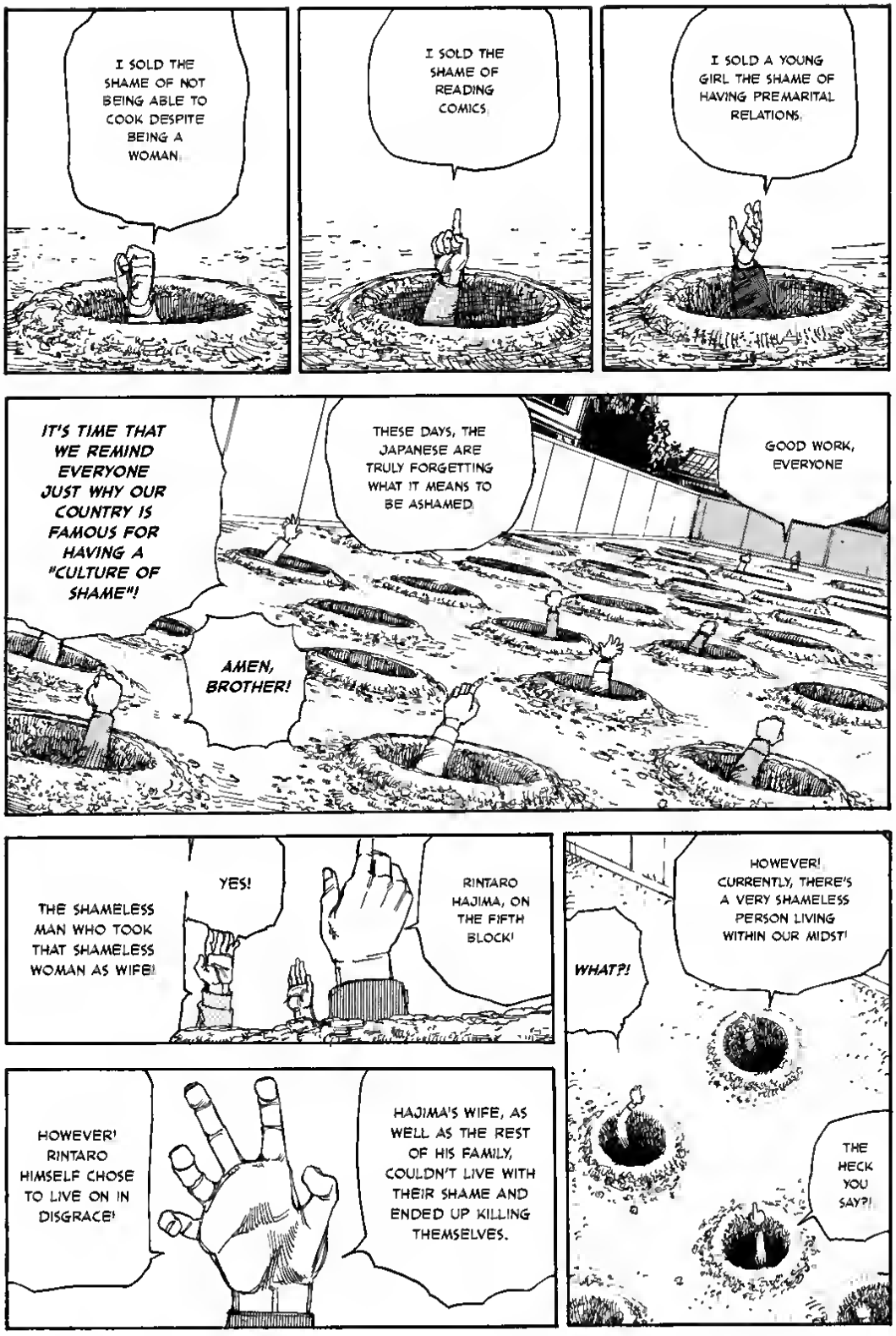
AUGH!

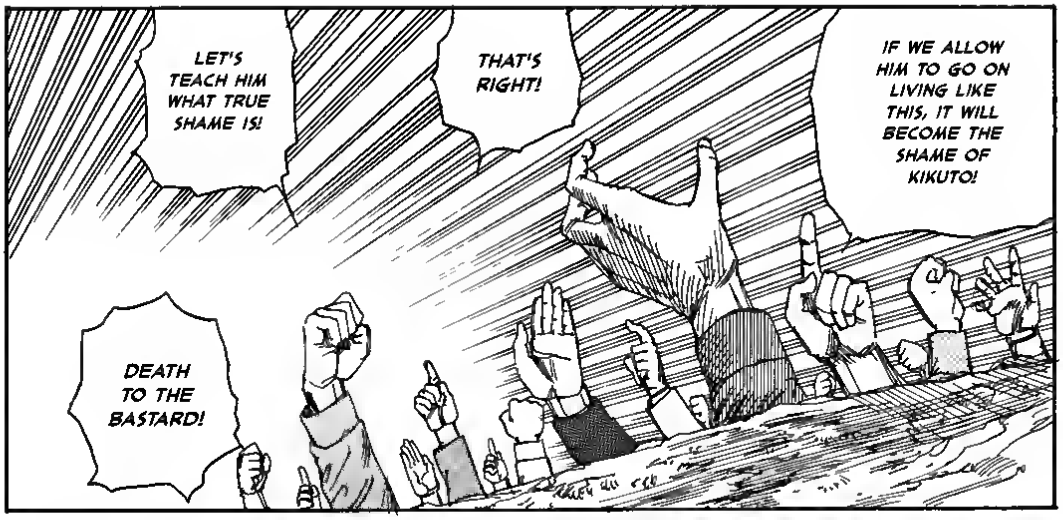

FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, THOUGH, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S STILL IN HIS HOLE.

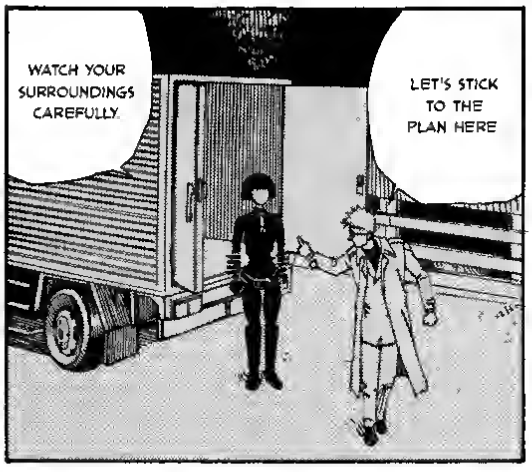

THIS ONE?
WOULD YOU MIND OPENING THAT DOOR?

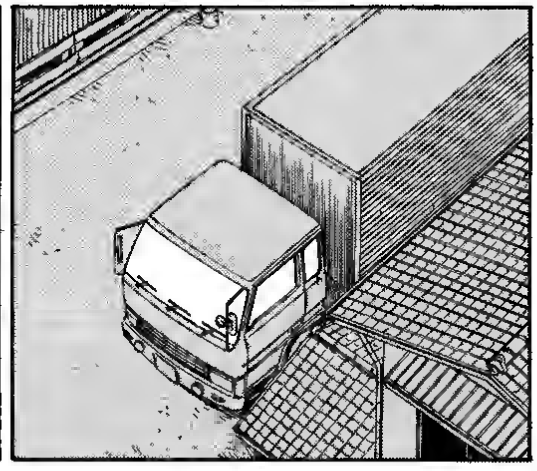
AT THIS RATE, I TOO WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHOOSE DEATH!
UNABLE TO LIVE ON IN SHAME, THEY HANGED THEMSELVES JUST THE OTHER DAY...
JUST STAYING IN THEIR HOLES WASN'T ENOUGH
IT WAS ONLY AFTER COMING TO LIVE HERE THAT I LEARNED THE SHAME OF MY FAMILY...
I'M NOT ORIGINALLY FROM THIS TOWN
BUT SUICIDE IS ENTIRELY TOO EXTREME!
AND SO YOU WISH TO ESCAPE FROM THAT PRESSURE?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST--
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU CAN'T EVEN MANAGE TO SHOW YOUR FACE TO YOUR ANCESTORS NOW, CAN YOU?!
HOW DISGRACEFUL!
HOW CAN YOU BEAR TO STAY ALIVE AFTER SUCH A THING?!
AND YET THE TOWNSPEOPLE REFUSE TO FORGIVE ME!
.. I REALLY WILL END UP TAKING MY OWN LIFE!
PLEASE! IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS...


THE KIKUTO MONTHLY TOWN ASSEMBLY WILL NOW BEGIN.
THANK YOU ALL FOR GATHERING HERE TODAY, I KNOW YOU'RE QUITE BUSY.
I SOLD A WOMAN THE SHAME OF HAVING A ONE-NIGHT STAND WITH SOME MAN.
NEXT.
THAT'S WHEN I TAUGHT THEM ABOUT THE GLORY OF GRADUATING FROM A UNIVERSITY!
THEY TOLD ME THAT WITH THE RECENT DIMINISHING OF SCHOOL'S SIGNIFICANCE, PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER EMBARRASSED ABOUT ONLY HAVING GONE AS FAR AS MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL!
FIRST, LET'S BEGIN WITH MR. KAKITA
THE REASON WHY JAPAN IS SUCH A PEACEFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD TODAY IS BECAUSE MEN ARE STILL THE CENTRAL PILLAR OF OUR SOCIETY!
ASIDE FROM MEN HAVING GOOD UPBRINGINGS...
I SOLD THE SHAME OF NEVER RECEIVING A FORMAL EDUCATION TO SOME TOURISTS.

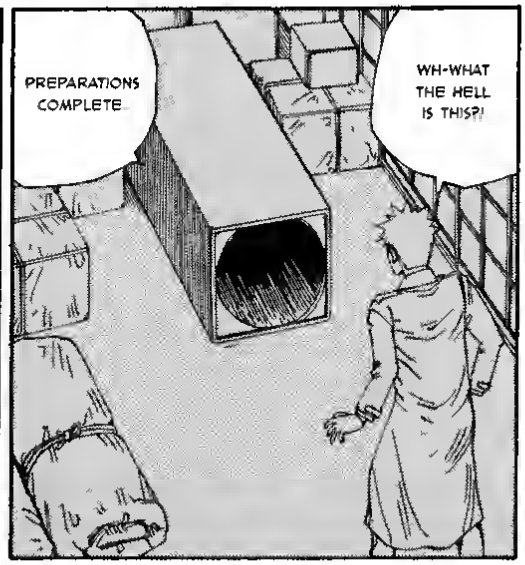

I SOLD THE SHAME OF NOT BEING ABLE TO COOK DESPITE BEING A WOMAN.
I SOLD THE SHAME OF READING COMICS.
I SOLD A YOUNG GIRL THE SHAME OF HAVING PREMARITAL RELATIONS.
IT'S TIME THAT WE REMIND EVERYONE JUST WHY OUR COUNTRY IS FAMOUS FOR HAVING A "CULTURE OF SHAME"!
THESE DAYS, THE JAPANESE ARE TRULY FORGETTING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ASHAMED.
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE
AMEN, BROTHER!
THE SHAMELESS MAN WHO TOOK THAT SHAMELESS WOMAN AS WIFE!
YES!
RINTARO HAJIMA, ON THE FIFTH BLOCK!
HOWEVER! CURRENTLY, THERE'S A VERY SHAMELESS PERSON LIVING WITHIN OUR MIDST!
WHAT?!
THE HECK YOU SAY?!
HOWEVER! RINTARO HIMSELF CHOSE TO LIVE ON IN DISGRACE!
HAJIMA'S WIFE, AS WELL AS THE REST OF HIS FAMILY, COULDN'T LIVE WITH THEIR SHAME AND ENDED UP KILLING THEMSELVES.


LET'S TEACH HIM WHAT TRUE SHAME IS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
IF WE ALLOW HIM TO GO ON LIVING LIKE THIS, IT WILL BECOME THE SHAME OF KIKUTO!
DEATH TO THE BASTARD!


WATCH YOUR SURROUNDINGS CAREFULLY.
LET'S STICK TO THE PLAN HERE

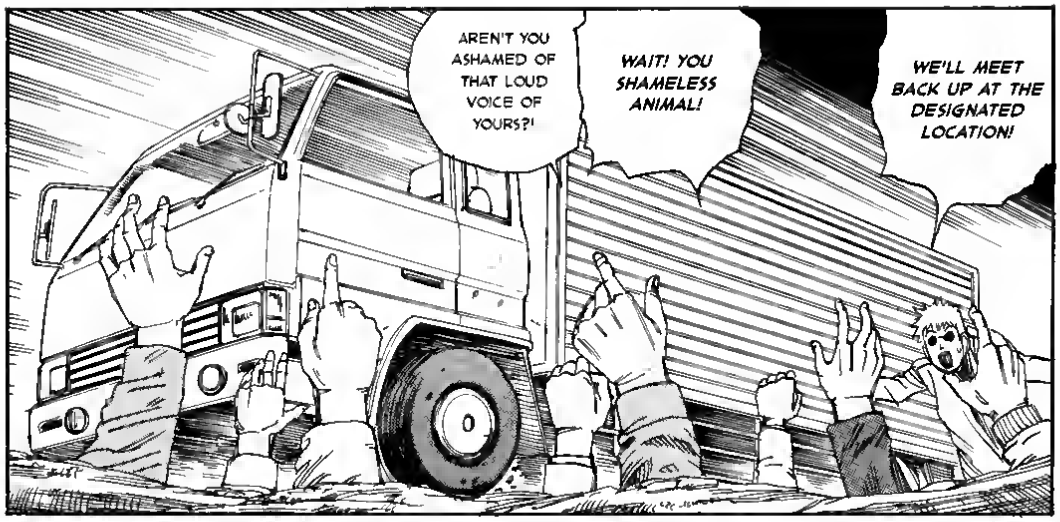


PLEASE, STOP! I'M TOO EMBARRASSED!
PREPARATIONS FOR WHAT?! GET OUT OF THERE!

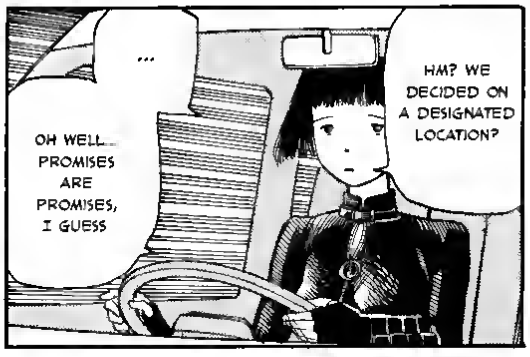

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

ARE YOU READY?
MR HAJIMA!

THAT'S RINTARO HAJIMA IN THERE, ISN'T IT?!
I'LL PAY YOU WHATEVER YOU REQUIRE! ...AHH, I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SPEAKING SO OPENLY ABOUT MONEY LIKE THIS!
HOW EMBARRASSING!
YOU'RE REALLY TURNING OUT TO BE A PAIN IN THE ASS, YOU KNOW THAT?!
YOU SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR FAMILY'S EXAMPLE!
OPEN YOUR EYES TO YOUR HUMILIATION!
SPANG
SPANG
TRYING TO SKIP TOWN, EH?! WHAT A SHAMELESS MAN YOU ARE!
SPANG
HEY! TAKE MR. HAJIMA AND GET OUT OF HERE!
AHHH!
WE WON'T ALLOW ANY SHAME IN THIS TOWN!
EMBARRASSING, EMBARRASSING!
SO EMBARRASSING!
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING!
AHHH!
EMBARRAAAAASSING!
BEAR IT, MR. HAJIMA!
SHAME ON YOU!
SHAME ON YOU!


AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF THAT LOUD VOICE OF YOURS?!
WAIT! YOU SHAMELESS ANIMAL!
WE'LL MEET BACK UP AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATION!

WHATEVER
NOT THAT IT MATTERS, BUT DO I ACTUALLY HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE?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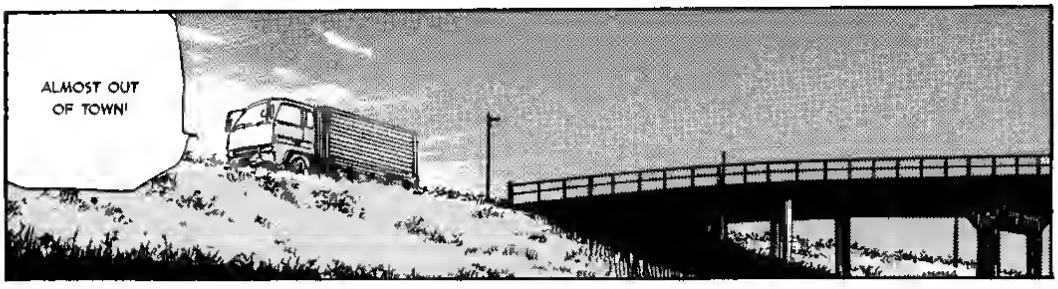
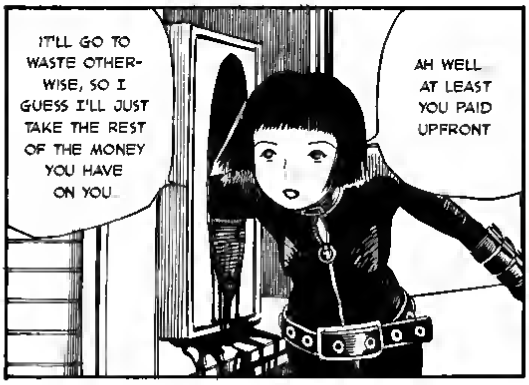
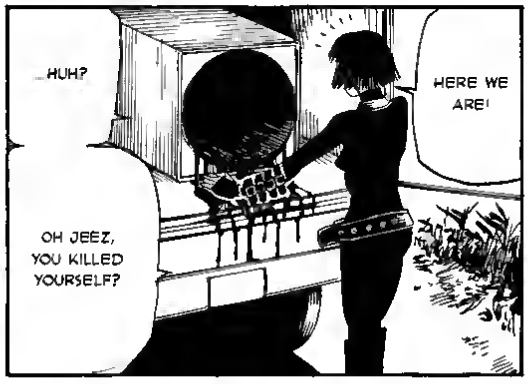
OH WELL... PROMISES ARE PROMISES, I GUESS
HM? WE DECIDED ON A DESIGNATED LOCATION?


ALMOST OUT OF TOWN!


IT'LL GO TO WASTE OTHERWISE, SO I GUESS I'LL JUST TAKE THE REST OF THE MONEY YOU HAVE ON YOU...
AH WELL... AT LEAST YOU PAID UPFRONT


...HUH?
HERE WE ARE!
OH JEEZ, YOU KILLED YOURSELF?

DESIGNATED LOCATION
OH, OVER HERE?
WHERE ARE YOUUUU?!
BOSS!
BOSS! OUR JOB'S FINISHED!
DESIGNATED LOCATION
BOSS?
DESIGNATED LOCATION
LOCATION DESIGNATED
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME... YOU GOT SHAME SOLD TO YOU? AWWW, MAN...
AHHH, I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE TO SOCIETY ANYMORE!
VIOLATING OTHERS' PRIVACY, SPYING...
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE'S DEATHS HAVE I HAD A HAND IN SO FAR?
AHHH... WHAT A SHAMEFUL JOB I'VE HAD UP UNTIL NOW

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU GONNA STAY IN THERE FOREVER?
I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND REFLECT ON MY ACTIONS UNTIL I DIE!
UWAAAAAH! STOP IT!
C'MON, HURRY IT UP! LET'S GOOO!
I CAN'T LOOK YOU STRAIGHT IN THE EYE!
...
WELCOME.
HELLO!
WHAT?! THROW AWAY YOUR SHAME?!
NONE OF THE ABOVE, I WANT TO SELL BACK A SHAME.
WHAT A SHAMELESS IDEA!
FAMILY SHAME? RACE SHAME? APPEARANCE SHAME?
WHAT KIND OF SHAME WOULD YOU LIKE?

YAHHH, STOP!
I'M TOO ASHAMED TO SHOW MY FACE TO PEOPLE!
YEAH, YEAH, WHATEVER! JUST HURRY UP AND TAKE IT BACK!
HOW DARE YOU COME STROLLING BACK INTO TOWN LIKE THIS! WHAT A SHAMELESS WOMAN YOU ARE!
AH, IT'S YOU! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HELPED RINTARO HAJIMA ESCAPE!
UWAAAAH! I FEEL LIKE MY FACE'S BURNIIING!
WHAT THE? YOUR FACE LOOKS NORMAL
FLOMP
WOW, IT REALLY IS ON FIRE
HONEY!
EEY-AARGHH!
FOOM
IN ORDER TO REGULATE THEIR OWN SHAMEFUL ACTIONS!
BROAAAAARR
MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN PUT CREAM ON THEIR SKIN, WHICH IGNITES WHEN THEIR BODY TEMPERATURE RISES!
KICK
KICK
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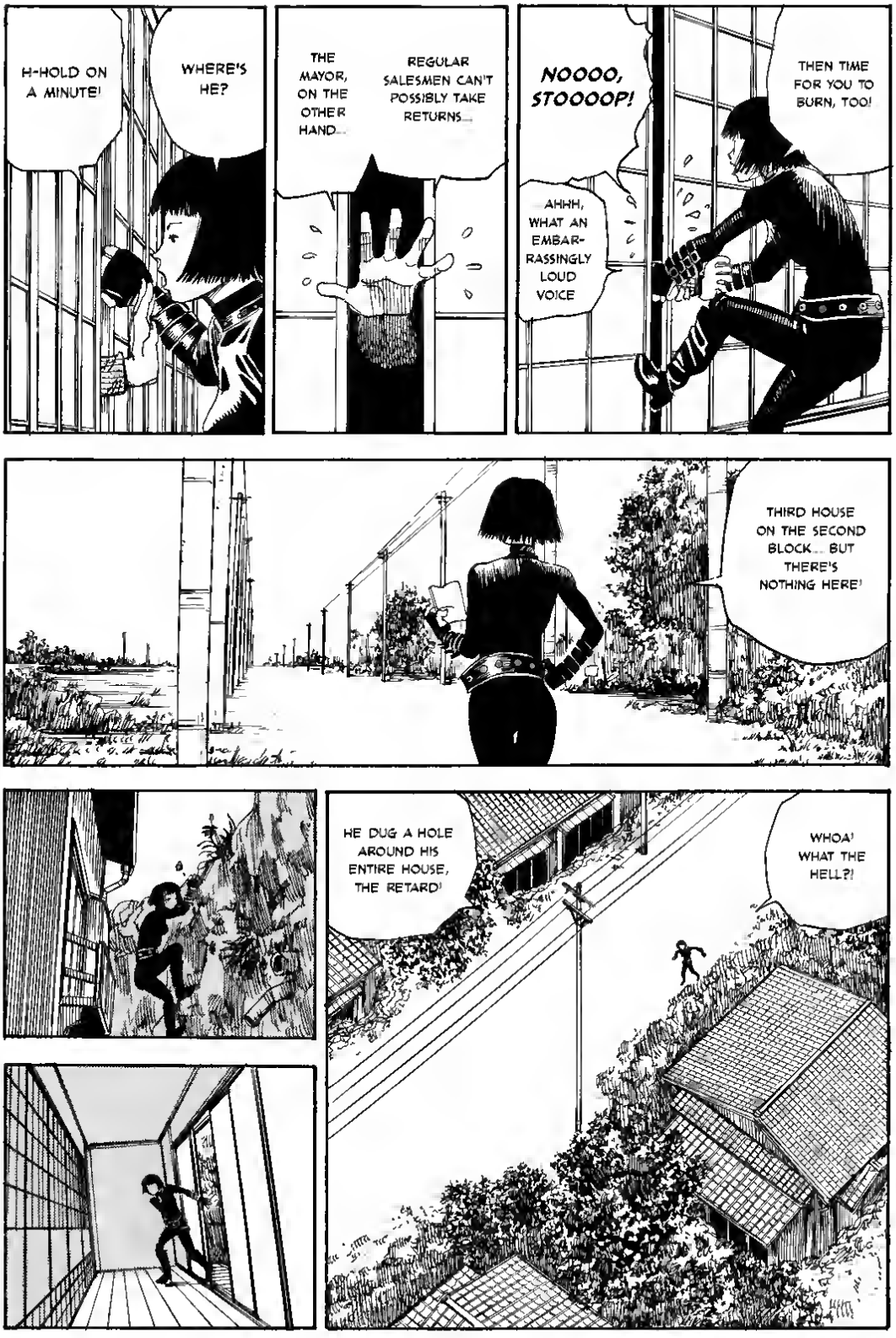
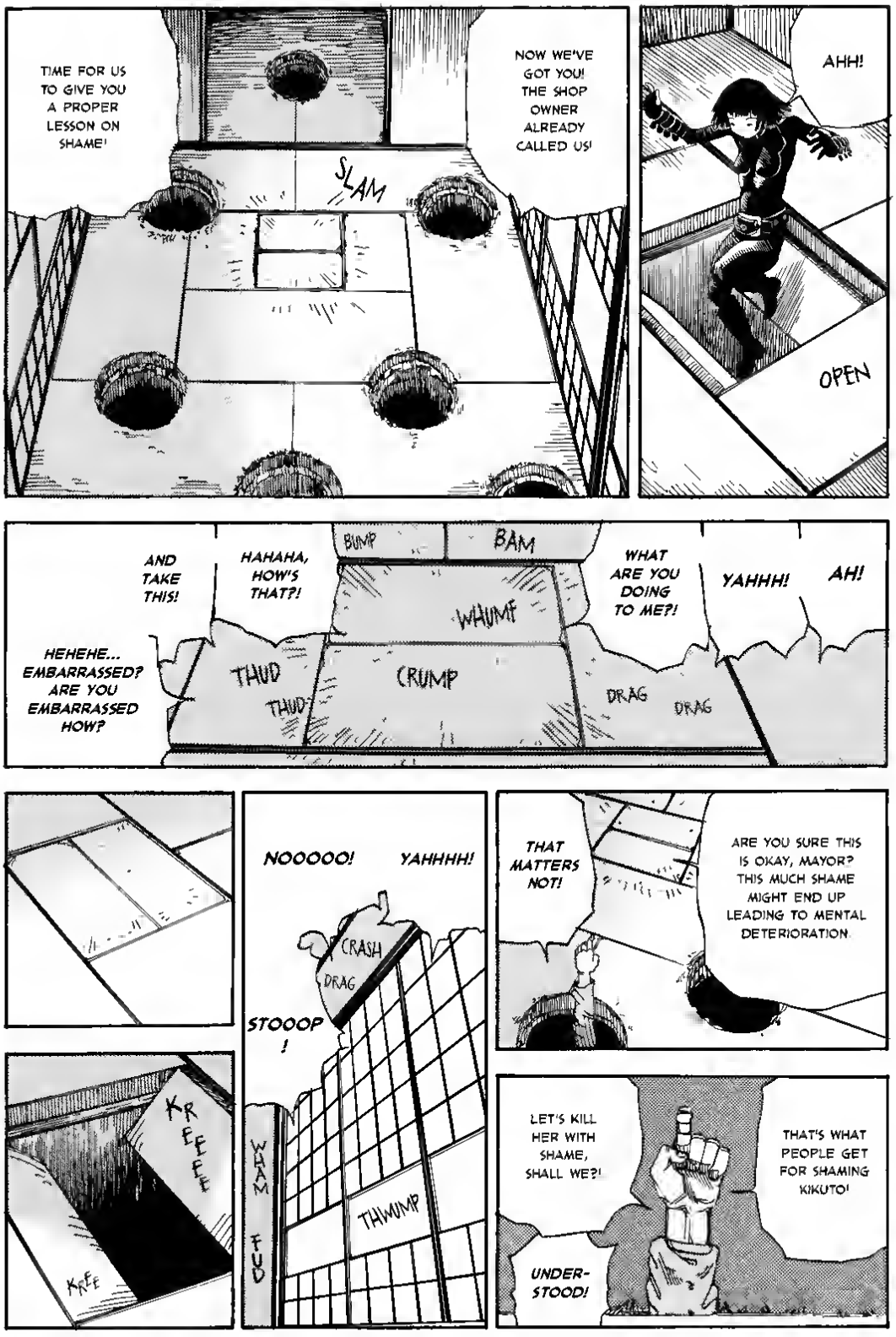
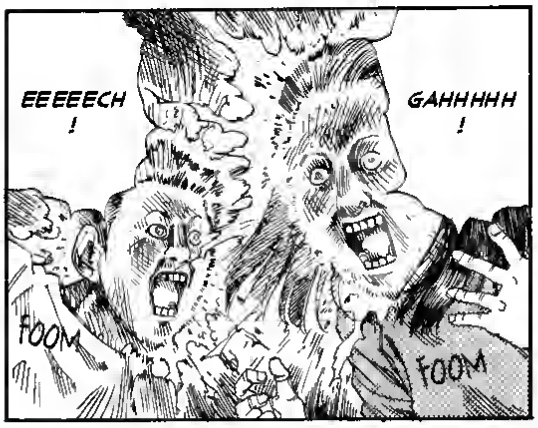
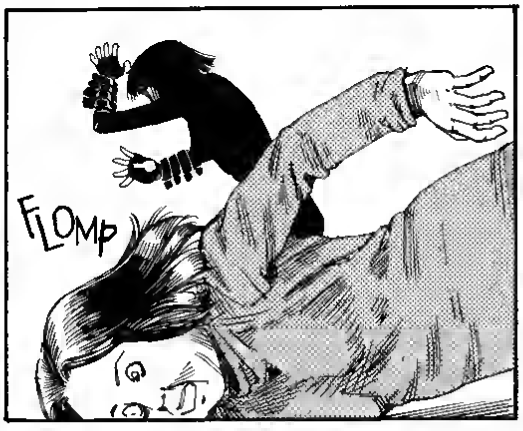
KICK


H-HOLD ON A MINUTE!
WHERE'S HE?
THE MAYOR, ON THE OTHER HAND...
REGULAR SALESMEN CAN'T POSSIBLY TAKE RETURNS...
NOOOO, STOOOOP!
AHHH, WHAT AN EMBARRASSINGLY LOUD VOICE
THEN TIME FOR YOU TO BURN, TOO!
THIRD HOUSE ON THE SECOND BLOCK... BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
HE DUG A HOLE AROUND HIS ENTIRE HOUSE, THE RETARD!
WHOA! WHAT THE HELL?!


TIME FOR US TO GIVE YOU A PROPER LESSON ON SHAME!
SLAM
NOW WE'VE GOT YOU! THE SHOP OWNER ALREADY CALLED US!
AHH!
OPEN
AND TAKE THIS!
HAHAHA, HOW'S THAT?!
BUMP
BAM
WHUMF
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!
YAHHH!
AH!
HEHEHE... EMBARRASSED? ARE YOU EMBARRASSED HOW?
THUD
THUD
CRUMP
DRAG
DRAG
NOOOOO!
YAHHHH!
CRASH
DRAG
STOOOP!
WHAM
THWMP
THAT MATTERS NOT!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY, MAYOR? THIS MUCH SHAME MIGHT END UP LEADING TO MENTAL DETERIORATION.
KREEEE
KREE
LET'S KILL HER WITH SHAME, SHALL WE?!
UNDER-STOOD!
THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE GET FOR SHAMING KIKUTO!


EEEEECH !
GAHHHHH !
FOOM
FOOM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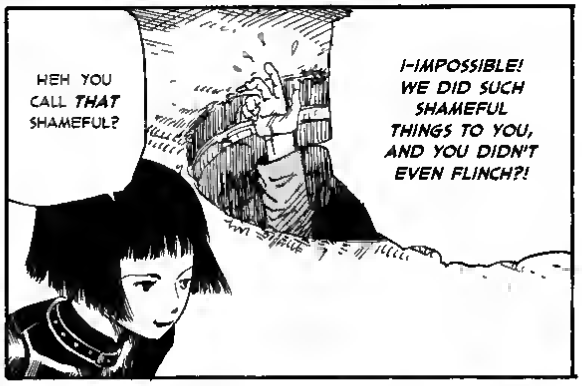
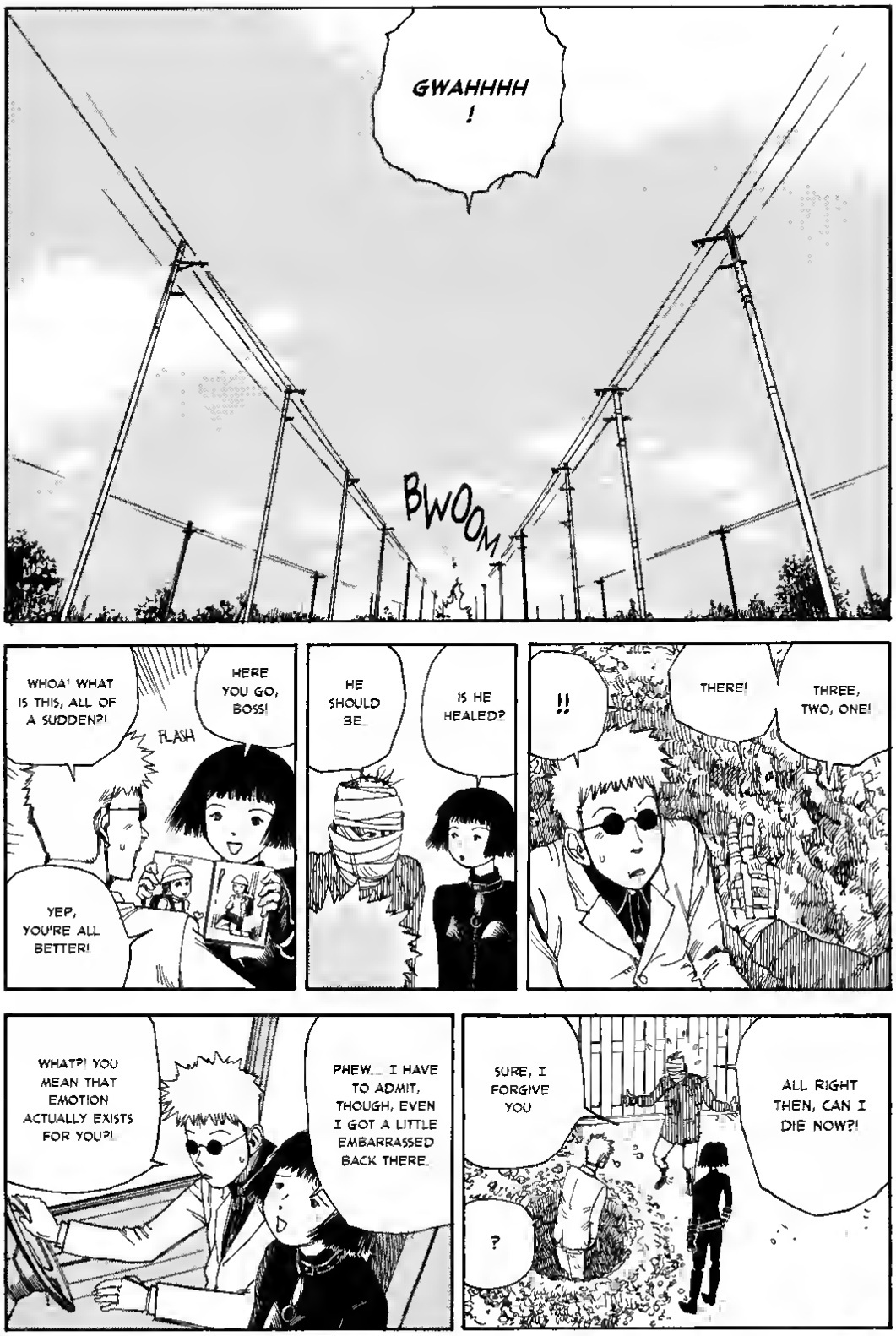
FOOM
AIEEE!

GWAHH!
NOW GET OUT HERE ALREADY
PULL


HEH YOU CALL THAT SHAMEFUL?
I-IMPOSSIBLE! WE DID SUCH SHAMEFUL THINGS TO YOU, AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH?!

FOOM
PULL
HAHAHAHA! YOU FOOL! THAT'S THE FAKE MAYOR!
HAHAHAHA! OVER HERE, OVER HERE!
HAHAHA- HAHAHA!
FOOM
PULL
STUUUUU- PID!
FOOM
OVER HERE, OVER HERE!
FOOM
PULL
HAHAHA! UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REACH ME!
HUH? THIS HOLE'S REALLY DEEP...
ACK! DAMMIT!
ONLY ONE LEFT NOW!
WHILE I SHOW YOU SOMETHING REAAAALLLY SHAMEFUL.
FINE BY ME. JUST WATCH FROM DOWN THERE, THEN.


GWAHHHH!
BWOOM
WHOA! WHAT IS THIS, ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
HERE YOU GO, BOSS!
FLASH
YEP, YOU'RE ALL BETTER!
HE SHOULD BE...
IS HE HEALED?
!!
THERE!
THREE, TWO, ONE!
WHAT?! YOU MEAN THAT EMOTION ACTUALLY EXISTS FOR YOU?!
PHEW... I HAVE TO ADMIT, THOUGH, EVEN I GOT A LITTLE EMBARRASSED BACK THERE.
SURE, I FORGIVE YOU
?
ALL RIGHT THEN, CAN I DIE NOW?!